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Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted or were cited by the Examiner in U.S. Application No. 09/626,813, filed July 27, 2000. Applicants rely on that application for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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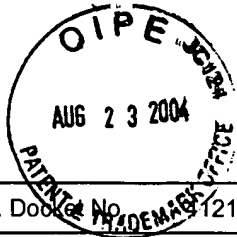
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